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brought about by the realization of the futility of the Russian efforts to hold the fortress.

## Falls Back on Mukden.

The same may be said of the situation around Liao Yang, but the consensus of opinion is that Kuropatkin has abandoned the idea of giving battle to an overwhelming force and has fallen back on Mukden and will base his hopes of success on the probability of wearing out the Japanese by the application of their own system of Jiu-Jitsu in the form of continued retreats.

Lord Lansdowne's statement of the position of the government on the contraband question and the seizure and sinking of neutral ships, has met with unanimous and enthusiastic approval and the speedy back-down of the Russian government on these points, is now looked for. A late report says the Russian cruisers Askold and Novik and a torpedo boat have arrived at Kiau Chau Bay.

## PORT ARTHUR FALLEN?

Rumors Current Again, But Are Discredited—Fortress in Desperate Straits.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, August 12.—Rumors that Port Arthur has fallen are again current, but apparently there is no further warrant for them than on previous occasions. It is regarded as impossible that Port Arthur can hold out much longer, but there is no further news at hand, either concerning the fortress, or the fate of the Port Arthur squadron, beyond the statement from Che Foo that the protected cruisers Askold and Novik have entered the port of Kiau Chau, the German territory. According to the Che Foo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the Japanese attempted to blow up the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rishiteini and her crew had to swim for their lives. The same correspondent states that Lieutenant-General Stoessel, the commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, personally commanded the Russian forces in the fight for the possession of Taku mountain, which was accompanied by fearful carnage. The correspondent adds: "The Russians are short of ammunition and the garrison is exhausted by incessant fighting. If the Japanese continue their assaults with fresh troops the worst must happen."

## HAS NOT RETURNED.

Russian Squadron, Says Che Foo, Is Still at Large—Details of Heavy Fighting.

(By Associated Press.) CHEE FOO, August 11—8:15 P. M.—According to the latest information obtainable, the Russian squadron has not returned to Port Arthur.

On the night of August 9th heavy cannonading was heard at sea in the direction of Port Arthur. Advice from the fortress says that the Japanese bombarded the town, placing their batteries in dense kailin fields, where they were effectively masked. The shells dropped mainly in the western basin, where the squadron was anchored. Many of the shells fell upon the battleship Rishiteini, but no serious damage was done either to the town or the fleet. Later the forts got the range of the Japanese field batteries and drove them out from their shelter in the kailin.

## What the Captain Says.

On the morning of August 10th the squadron put to sea, where heavy cannonading was heard for several hours. The result of the battle is not known, and nothing definite has been learned regarding either squadron. Captain Shestakovsky, of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rishiteini, which emerged from Port Arthur with the fleet Wednesday morning, and which arrived here early this morning, says he saw no Japanese vessels.

He confirms previous statements that the large Russian warships had left Port Arthur, but refused to say directly that the fleet had gone on an extended cruise, although it is stated in the course of a long interview, that the warships expect to join the Vladivostok squadron, which, he said, had been re-

## ANXIETY UNRELIEVED.

Information in St. Petersburg, However, Seems to Confirm Report of the Escape.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, August 11—8:30 P. M.—The admiralty has just received from Vice-Admiral Alexieff a brief dispatch officially announcing the departure of the Port Arthur squadron. It does not give details, and doubtless was the news con-

municated to the admiralty by the captain of the torpedo boat destroyer Rishiteini from Che Foo.

August 12—1:37 A. M.—Public anxiety regarding the fate of the Port Arthur squadron, which has reached the highest pitch, remained unrelieved when the people of St. Petersburg retired to-night.

The reports from Tokyo and Che Foo of the sea fight which followed the capture of the squadron are conflicting and inconclusive. The belief, however, is strong that the Russian ships succeeded in breaking through the Japanese fleet. Indeed, it is rumored late to-night that the admiralty has received information that the squadron has passed beyond the Shantung promontory (which would bring the squadron at least one hundred and fifty miles to the southeast of Port Arthur and into the Yellow Sea). Although unable to confirm this rumor, the Associated Press learns that the family of Lieutenant Smirnov, an officer of the battleship Czarevitch, this evening received a telegram from him, dated at Tsingtau to-day. The message contained only two words: "Alive; embraces."

Tsingtau is one hundred and sixty miles southwest of Che Foo, in the province of Changtung, and is at the entrance of Kiau Chau Bay.

The receipt of this telegram might be construed as partial confirmation of the rumor that the squadron had reached the open sea beyond Shantung. In no other way can Lieutenant Smirnov's family explain the message from Tsingtau. It is hardly believed that the squadron itself put into Kiau Chau, although some time ago it was reported that it might take refuge in this port. It is regarded as more likely that one of the torpedo boat destroyers was sent there with official dispatches and fled Lieutenant Smirnov's telegram.

It is understood that she was deliberately sacrificed so that Vice Admiral Skrydloff might be apprised of the departure of the Russian vessels from Port Arthur in order that he might start out with the Vladivostok squadron for the purpose of meeting them.

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Lansdowne, referring to the Russian declaration of contraband of war, said the government had informed Russia that it refused to consider itself bound to regard as valid the declaration of any prize court which failed to act in conformity with recognized principles of international law. The government had been given to understand that Russia considered that it was within the rights of a belligerent to destroy a captured neutral vessel, whether she carried contraband or not. This country had never accepted such a view and he (Lord Lansdowne) believed it had been refused by other powers. It certainly had not been accepted by the government of the United States. The British government, therefore, was unable to admit that the sinking of the Knight Commander was justifiable according to any of the principles of international law by which this country had ever considered itself governed.

Lord Lansdowne concluded with remarking that he was glad to be able to add that the replies of the Russian government to the British representatives justified the hope that these acts of destruction of neutral prizes were not likely to be repeated.

In the House of Commons, Premier Balfour speaking on the same line as Lord Lansdowne in the House of Lords, said he was perfectly confident that no neutral ship would again be sunk by the Russians. He fully agreed in the statement that such a sinking was an international outrage and the government had expressed to Russia in the clearest way possible that view with the above results.

## THE BALTIC FLEET.

Ordered to Be in Readiness to Sail on August 14th for Seat of War.

(By Associated Press.) COPENHAGEN, August 11.—Admiral Billef, in command of the naval forces here, to-day ordered Vice-Admiral Tselensky, commander of the Baltic fleet and his staff to take up their quarters on board the battleship Souvariev, and to be in readiness to sail on August 14th.

## PASS DARDANELLES.

Russians Go Through Again Without Protest from Turkey.

LONDON, August 12.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that two vessels of the Russian Black Sea fleet have already passed the Dardanelles without the intervention of any difficulty on the part of the Turkish government.

## PUSHING NORTHWARD.

Japanese Seem to Be Trying Turning Movement on Yantai or Mukden.

(By Associated Press.) LIAO YANG, August 11.—While no fighting has occurred on the eastern front a remarkable heavy movement of Japanese northward has been reported. The Japanese seem to be trying a turning movement on Yantai or Mukden.

(By Associated Press.) ANSHAN, August 11.—VAYE BIAO-TWEN HAICHENG AND LIAO YANG, August 11.—A reconnaissance in force August 7th proved that the Japanese are making a wide detour of the Liao Valley towards Mukden. The Thirty-fifth Regiment of sharpshooters, with two guns participated in the recon-

naissance, which was directed against the west flank of the Japanese position near Anshan. The movement revealed the presence of only one Japanese brigade, with the guns lately landed at the port of Niushwang. The brigade is formed of raw recruits, almost boys. The whole Japanese force south of Anshan is not more than a division, with a brigade of artillery. The remainder of General Oku's army is evidently participating in the flanking operations.

## Nixon in St. Petersburg.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, August 11.—The Associated Press learns that Lewis Nixon, of New York, who has been in St. Petersburg for several days, came here at the request of the Russian admiralty and that negotiations are progressing between the admiralty and Mr. Nixon, but whether for the sale of ships, machinery or what is not ascertainable. Mr. Nixon is going to Sebastopol Friday to confer with the commander of the Black Sea fleet.

## Contract is Binding.

(By Associated Press.) CHATTANOOGA, TENN., August 11.—Judge Clark, in the United States Circuit Court, to-day decided that the contract entered into by the Southern Car and Foundry Company and certain holders of warehouse receipts, to-day, is a binding one; that the transfer thus made was a sale and not a bailment, and that the holders of the receipts win the suit and are preferred creditors.

The trustees in bankruptcy found that warehouse receipts had been issued by the Southern Car and Foundry Company to the amount of nearly a million dollars, and that money had been borrowed upon these receipts from banks in various sections of the country. The trustees believed that the receipts had been illegally issued, and brought suit against the holders to have them declared invalid and set aside.

## IS DROPPING BACK AGAIN

New York Team Falls to Third Place—Chicago Clutches Hold on First.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday. Detroit, 7; Washington, 3. Philadelphia, 2; Cleveland, 1. Chicago, 1; New York, 0. Boston, 12; St. Louis, 5.

Where They Play To-day. Boston at St. Louis. Philadelphia at Cleveland. New York at Chicago. Washington at Detroit.

Standing of the Clubs. Clubs. Won. Lost. P. C. Chicago..... 60 38 .612 Boston..... 57 39 .590 New York..... 55 38 .591 Philadelphia..... 53 39 .576 Cleveland..... 50 41 .549 Detroit..... 49 44 .490 St. Louis..... 38 52 .423 Washington..... 21 71 .230

Detroit, 7; Washington, 3. DETROIT, MICH., August 11.—To-day's game was characterized by many misplays, O'Leary and Cassidy offending most.

Philadelphia, 2; Cleveland, 1. CLEVELAND, OHIO, August 11.—To-day's game between Cleveland and Philadelphia went to thirteen innings. Waddell struck out fourteen men and Bernhard nine.

Cleveland..... 0001000000000-1 5 5 Philadelphia..... 0001000000000-2 9 1 Batteries: Bernhard and Benini; Waddell and Shreckengost. Time, 2:30. Umpire, Dwyer. Attendance, 3,715.

Chicago, 1; New York, 0. CHICAGO, ILL., August 11.—Chicago slugged New York in one of the cleanest and most perfectly played games of the season.

Chicago..... 000000100-1 5 0 New York..... 0000000000-0 5 0 Batteries: White and Sullivan; Powell and Klein. Time, 1:38. Umpire, Sheridan. Attendance, 2,900.

Boston, 12; St. Louis, 5. ST. LOUIS, MO., August 11.—Boston defeated St. Louis to-day by a score of twelve to five.

St. Louis..... 101000201-5 14 2 Boston..... 010210410-12 12 0 Batteries: Kelly and Kahane; Tamm and Farrell. Time, 1:58. Umpire, Connolly. Attendance, 2,800.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday. Pittsburgh, 7; Boston, 2. Chicago, 8; Philadelphia, 1. New York, 5; Cincinnati, 2. St. Louis, 4; Brooklyn, 3.

Where They Play To-day. Pittsburgh at Boston. Cincinnati at New York. Chicago at Philadelphia. St. Louis at Brooklyn.

Standing of the Clubs. Clubs. Won. Lost. P. C. New York..... 68 25 .731 Chicago..... 68 38 .641 Pittsburgh..... 68 38 .641 Cincinnati..... 57 41 .582 St. Louis..... 50 47 .515 Boston..... 42 52 .446 Philadelphia..... 33 67 .330

Pittsburg, 7; Boston, 2. BOSTON, MASS., August 11.—Timely hits by costly errors and Willie Jack of control combined to give Pittsburg to-day's game.

Pittsburg..... 200002111-7 8 1 Boston..... 100010000-2 8 3 Batteries: Plaferty Smith and Carlsch; Wicker and Smith. Time, 1:45. Attendance, 3,335. Umpire, Moran and Carpenter.

Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 1. PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 11.—The home team could not get the upper hand to-day, and Chicago won handily.

Chicago..... 010011021-6 10 0 Philadelphia..... 010000000-1 9 0 Batteries: Wicker and Kling; Frazer and Roth. Time, 1:55. Umpire, Zimmerman. Attendance, 1,834.

New York, 5; Cincinnati, 2. NEW YORK, August 11.—Matthewson was in fine form to-day, and with his drop ball he struck out eleven men.

New York..... 010100000-2 8 5 Cincinnati..... 00100311-5 8 0 Batteries: Ewing and Jack; Ewing and Jack. Time, 1:35. Attendance, 7,876. Umpire, Emelle.

St. Louis, 4; Brooklyn, 3. BROOKLYN, N. Y., August 11.—The St. Louis and Brooklyn national teams played a seventeen inning game to-day.

St. Louis..... 0010000000000101-9 9 0 Brooklyn..... 00010000000000102-1 10 1 Batteries: Jones, 3:25. Umpire, Johnston. Attendance, 4,000.



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## WAS HANGED FOR MURDER

Execution of Notorious Negro Breaks Cambria County's Long Record.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., August 11.—"Willie" Mungen, alias Frank Davis, colored, was hanged at Ebensburg at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon for the murder of Laura Davis. This was the first execution in Cambria county for nearly thirty years.

Mungen slashed the woman's throat with a razor and then turned the blade on himself. When the officers arrived the woman was dead and Davis, gasping for breath, was lying across a bed. He was removed to a hospital where he soon recovered.

From the time of his arrest until the latter part of May of the present year, the murderer insisted that the woman had attempted to kill him while he was sleeping and had then killed herself. The trial was marked by a dramatic protest of innocence on the part of the prisoner, who took the stand in his own defense, but the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree after about fifteen minutes' deliberation.

Shortly after sentence had been passed upon him Davis professed religious faith, and made two confessions—the first, that he had committed the deed for which he was hanged, and also that he had a number of years ago, murdered a woman with whom he was living in Jacksonville, Fla., by choking her to death. In Jacksonville he was known as Willie Mungen, which, it has been ascertained, was his real name. The circumstances of the first murder were corroborated by communication with the Jacksonville authorities, who had made a vigorous effort to bring him to justice.

Second confession—Davis confessed that he had committed the deed for which he was hanged, and also that he had a number of years ago, murdered a woman with whom he was living in Jacksonville, Fla., by choking her to death. In Jacksonville he was known as Willie Mungen, which, it has been ascertained, was his real name. The circumstances of the first murder were corroborated by communication with the Jacksonville authorities, who had made a vigorous effort to bring him to justice.

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## VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN RESORTS.